INTEROPERABILITY IN VIRGINIA

Panel Name: **Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) IT Infrastructure Project**

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Question and Answer Session:

Q: What types of interconnects are you imagining? What provisions are you making?

**A: **We need to discuss business requirements. Clearly there are partnerships that Norfolk has today where it might make sense to take a regionalized approach in some places. However, there is not a one size fits all solution. Progress will move forward quickly. We have a transition plan that we are rolling out. We need to look at business as a whole and look past regions.

You have to ask yourself: "What is valuable to you?" There will be continued dialogue in this arena and the larger local government arena. Most localities don't have the economies of scale to get the best prices. With this, there is nothing to buy; we want to get you involved now. It is about keeping the dialogue going.

Note: There is a tie for this project into the FY 07 Strategic Plan for Statewide Communications Interoperability. If you have an interest in this initiative, please sign up.

Q: Do you know anything about a bill that required communications operability within buildings
A: It died a slow death.

Note: An audience member noted, that there is a meeting later this month (October 2006) in which resurrecting this bill will be discussed. The information will be e-mailed to the Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator's Office and will be posted on the web site.